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INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS FOR
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- A Response B under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to the Office Action dated July 20, 1998.
- A Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to the Office Action dated _____.
- A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

- A Verified Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27 to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f).
- An Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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Claims <u>35</u> - <u>66</u>		= <u>0</u> * X	\$22.00 = \$0
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Claims <u>11</u> - <u>18</u>		= <u>0</u> * X	\$82.00 = \$0
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Respectfully submitted,

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